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SUBJ: TRANSFER OF PRODUCTS FROM THE PRIOR LICENSE IMPORT
LIST TO THE FREE IMPORT LIST

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1. GOC HAS CONTINUED WITH IMPORT LIBERALIZATION PROGRAM DESCRIBED REFTELS. THE DIRECTIVE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN TRADE OF THE COLOMBIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE, INCOMEX, ISSUED RESOLUTION NO. 022 OF AUG 10, 1976 IN WHICH ABOUT 400 ITEMS OF THE COLOMBIAN TARIFF SCHEDULE ARE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PRIOR LICENSE IMPORT LIST TO THE FREE IMPORT LIST.

2. PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE RESOLUTION ARE: LIVE ANIMALS, INCLUDING HORSES, ASSES, MULES, AND THOSE OF THE BOVINE SPECIES, LIVE SWINE, LIVE SHEEP AND GOATS, LIVE POULTRY, FUR ANIMALS, DOGS, ETC.; MEAT AND MEAT OFFALS; FISH AND SHELLFISH; HUMAN AND ANIMAL HAIR; FEATHERS AND FEATHER PARTS AND OTHER PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN;
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VEGETABLE PRODUCTS; EDIBLE VEGETABLES INCLUDING

ROOTS AND TUBERS; EDIBLE FRUITS AND NUTS; TEA AND OTHER SPICES; RAW VEGETABLE MATERIALS; SEEDS; ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS; SAUSAGES AND OTHER MEAT AND FISH PREPARATIONS; SUGARS AND SUGAR CONFECTIONERY; COCOA AND COCOA PREPARATIONS; CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS; CHEMICAL ORGANIC AND INORGANIC PRODUCTS; INSECTICIDES AND FUNGICIDES; ARTIFICIAL RESINS; ASBESTOS-CEMENTS MANUFACTURES; GLASS AND GLASSWARE; IRON AND STEEL NAILS, SPIKED CRAMPS, TACKS, STAPLES, HOOK-NAILS, AND CORRUGATED NAILS; ALUMINUM BARS, RODS, ANGLES, AND SHAPES; ALUMINUM WIRE AND OTHER ALUMINUM MANUFACTURES; HAND TOOLS FOR AGRICULTURAL USE INCLUDING SHOVELS, PICKS, HOES, FORKS, PITCH-FORKS, AND RAKES; AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND PARTS THEREOF; PRIMARY CELLS AND ELECTRIC BATTERIES AND FLUORESCENT LAMPS AND TUBES.

3. HOWEVER, THE TERM "FREE" MEANS EXEMPTION FROM THE IMPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENT AND NOT FROM THE PAYMENT OF IMPORT DUTIES WHICH STILL REMAIN, FOR MOST OF THE ABOVE INDICATED CATEGORIES, IN AN AVERAGE 40 PERCENT OF THE CIF VALUE OF THE IMPORTED MERCHANDISE.

4. TODAY, THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ISSUED DECREE NO 1753 WHICH REDUCES IMPORT DUTIES ON ABOUT TWENTY ITEMS OF THE COLOMBIAN TARIFF SCHEDULE. PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THIS MEASURE ARE X-RAY EQUIPMENT, HEART-BEAT PACE-MAKERS, ORTHOPEDIC APPARATUS, X-RAY APPARATUS FOR TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL USE, X-RAY TUBES AND VALVES AND OTHER X-RAY GENERATORS, X-RAY HIGH TENSION GENERATORS, X-RAY SCREENS, GENERATORS AND SINGLE-PHASE ENGINES OF ONE TO TEN HORSE-POWER. THE ABOVE LISTED PRODUCTS WILL HAVE A FIVE PERCENT IMPORT DUTY FROM NOW UP TO JUNE 30, 1977. THIS MEASURE ALSO REDUCED IMPORT DUTIES ON THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS: BARLEY, FROM 15 PERCENT TO 2 PERCENT; TIN PLATE, FROM 20 PERCENT TO 10 PERCENT; ELECTRICAL INSULATORS, FROM 35 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT; PUMPS AND MOTOR PUMPS, FROM 70 PERCENT TO 50 PERCENT; OTHER SELF-PROPELLED MOTORIZED MECHANICAL APPARATUS FROM 65 PERCENT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO 45 PERCENT.

5. OFFICIAL SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT IMPORT LIBERALIZATION PROGRAM ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF ACTUAL IMPORTS ARE OF PRODUCTS CLASSIFIED WITHIN THE FREE IMPORT LIST. THIS PROGRAM IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF LOCAL

INDUSTRY AND TO CONTROL INTERNAL PRICES OF BASIC
PRODUCTS.

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